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To whom it may concern,

The DOJ's proposed settlement with Microsoft is ridiculous. The only thing that giving Microsoft Software to schools will do is to entrench Microsoft even further in the marketplace. They're in an unassailable position now, why make it worse for competition. Everyone in this industry knows that if you capture education, then those same people will eventually become decision makers who dictate purchase of your software.

Please reconsider this mess before it's too late. Microsoft is getting off with less than a slap on the wrist; they're getting off with federal enforcement of their marketing plan to become even more entrenched in education.

With good wishes,
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